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Conversion of Mansi-Forbesganj Railway Line

184. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mansi-Forbesganj via Saharasa metre-gauge railway line is in a very bad shape ;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to convert this line into broad-gauge ; and

(c) if so, the time by which this work would be undertaken and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir

(b) Mansi-Forbesganj line via Saharasa is an integral part of MG rail network of North Bihar. Its conversion to BG in isolation will disrupt MG traffic flow system. Hence there is no proposal for conversion.

(c) Does not arise.

Computerised Reservation Office in Bareilly

185. SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to open computerised reservation office at Bareilly railway station ; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Coach Factory in Bareilly

186. SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a coach factory in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The assessment of the requirement of rolling stock, including coaches is a continuous process, taking into account the projected requirements of the Railways, allocation of funds and the existing facilities available for production in Railway Sector and Public Sector Undertakings. No decision has been taken with regard to the need for the plant, its size or location.

(b) Does not arise.

Rural Electrification

187. SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages in the country electrified during 1990-91 ;

(b) whether this number is more in comparison to similar statistics for 1989-90 ; and

(c) if not, the reasons threfor ?